

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 17, 2006
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540
Conference Room 540-A**

Members Present

Kay Lewis, Committee Chair
Brian Smith
Gary Woods
Jerry Stein
Mary Briden
Marilyn Price
Jim Critchley (teleconference)

Members Absent

Orlando Alcorido
Gary Smith
Bill White

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Education Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS and APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mary Briden and seconded by Brian Smith to approve the agenda of February 17, 2006. **Motion carried**

III. DISCUSS/AMEND and ACTION ON THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2005

A motion was made by Mary Briden and seconded by Brian Smith to accept the minutes of November 18, 2005 with the following corrections. Page two, section V. D. first sentence of paragraph six is missing a period. Page three, section VI delete paragraphs two through seven. Page four delete paragraphs one and two and insert "Discussion ensued concerning qualifications to enter an I to P program." Delete paragraphs five through eight. In paragraph three, second sentence should read "Sarah reported that we do not have exempt rulemaking authority for this rule making." Paragraph ten second line should read, "successfully completed the I-EMT/99 curriculum."

Page five, first paragraph should read "A comment was made that it is unjust for I99s who took the bridge course be excluded from the program.

Page five, second paragraph add Jerry Stein to the list of names. **Motion carried**

IV. REPORTS

A. Report from Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Michelle Johnston reported on the status of the Learning Management Systems. It was reported that the refresher online will not be provided; only continuing education will be provided.

The home page and introductory page have been created, and meetings will be scheduled in the next month to review the program and provide feedback.

It was reported that Will Humble, Deputy Assistant Director, is the Acting Bureau Chief.

B. Chairman's Report

Dr. Lewis reported on a meeting was held on January 9, 2006, regarding Jerry Ollier's proposed I to P curriculum. It was reported that the committee will be reviewing the revised agenda for a proposed EMT I-99 to an EMT Paramedic training program.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and Action on selection of a Vice Chair

Gary Woods nominated Brian Smith as Vice Chair for the Education Committee.

Brian Smith accepted the nomination of Vice Chair

Move to EMSC Agenda

B. Update on E-Learning

Update reported in Section IV. A.

C. Update and Status on site visits for practical exams

It was reported that a training session will be conducted for all the EMS Coordinators before the Bureau begins to fully enforce the procedure of site visits. The training session will explain the process that EMS Coordinators are to take when conducting site visits.

It was asked as to whether the format (checklist) can be reviewed by the Education Committee. Michelle reported that the form is from the National Registry, and the format of the process can reviewed at the next Education Committee meeting.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion and Action on draft rulemaking to:

- Approve the EMT-I(99)-to-EMT-P Transition Course

- Allow combination of courses for guest lecturers

- Require that all course written examinations be closed book

- Incorporate by reference 2001 NHTSA EMT-I(99) Refresher Course

- Change the minimum equipment standards in exhibit A to A.A.C. 25, Art. 3

- Make conforming changes to rule language

The committee was asked to review R9-25-319 Arizona EMT-I(99)-to-EMT-P Transition Course. Discussion ensued as to whether include 60 or 80 hours of anatomy and physiology (A and P), as prerequisite, embedded, or upfront within the course.

A motion was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Mary Briden to require at least 60 hours of anatomy and physiology (A and P) as either a prerequisite, upfront, or embedded within the EMT-I-to-EMT-P transition course. The 60 hours imbedded or upfront are in addition to the 220 hours of the didactic instruction. The objectives of the A and P training are those provided in Appendix E of the 1998 NHTSA EMT-P National Standard Curriculum. **Motion carried Move to EMSC agenda**

A motion was made by Gary Woods and Jerry Stein to require all course examinations and initial provider and refresher courses be closed book written exams.

Motion carried Move to EMSC agenda

It was reported that the language in R9-25-319(B)(9)(a) should read "Evaluate a student's technical proficiency in skills, identified as psychomotor objectives in the units adopted in subsection B 5."

It was also reported that competencies in Exhibit C need to be completed during clinical and field training.

The Committee suggested that changes be made in Exhibit C which include changing the title to reflect clinical and field training patient contact competencies and the following:

- (A)(1) Change 15 to 10
- (A)(3) Change 25 to 17
- (A)(4) Change the language in the last portion to read “total of 12 unintubated patients”
- (B)(1) Change 30 to 20
- (B)(2) Change the language in the last portion to read “at least 20 adult patients of various age groups- young, middle, and older patients”
- (B)(3) Delete
- (C)(1) Change 10 to 5
- (C)(2) Change 40 to 20
- (C)(3) Change psychiatric to behavioral, and 20 to 10
- (D) Change the heading to read “Chief Complaints”
- (D)(1) Change 30 to 20
- (D)(2)(a) Change 20 to 15
- (D)(3) Delete
- (D)(4) Change 20 to 15
- (D)(5) 20 to 15
- (E) Change 50 to 25

A motion was made by Mary Briden and seconded by Gary Woods to accept the changes to Working Draft-2/14/06 on final comprehensive practical skills examination and changes made to Exhibit C.

Motion carried Move to EMSC Agenda

The Committee was asked to discuss the combination of courses for guest lectures. It was reported that in the past as long as the ratio of instructor to student for exams was held, combining course for guest lectures was allowed. Discussion ensued on the philosophy of combining courses for guest lectures.

A motion was made by Jim Critchley and seconded by Gary Woods to allow combining students from multiple courses for didactic instruction, for both full (initial provider) courses and refreshers.

Motion carried Move to EMSC Agenda

Sarah Harpring reported that by splitting the ALS refresher it could create an EMT-I refresher and EMT-P refresher.

A motion was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Jerry Stein not to change the ALS refresher and have it split into an EMT-I refresher and EMT-P refresher.

Motion carried Move to EMSC Agenda

The Committee was asked to review minimum equipment standards in Exhibit A. The Committee suggested the following changes:

- Change ‘MAC’ to ‘curved’
- Change ‘Miller’ to ‘straight’
- Change ‘Dual Lumen Airway’ to ‘Esophageal Tracheal Double Lumen Airway Device’

A motion was made by Jerry Stein and seconded by Mary Briden to accept Exhibit A with the suggested changes.

Motion carried Move to EMSC Agenda

Sarah Harpring reported a change to the rule language in R9-25-404(B)(3)(a)(iii) which includes Arizona EMT-I(99)-to-EMT-P transition course.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

VIII. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Lewis proposed the option to the committee to have the Education Committee meetings moved from Friday mornings to Thursday mornings before the PMD Committee.

Moving the meeting from Fridays to Thursdays would change the next scheduled meeting date to May 11, 2006. Subsequent meetings would be September 14 and November 16, 2006.

A motion was made by Brian Smith and seconded by Jim Critchely to move the Education Committee meetings from Fridays to Thursdays.

Motion carried Move to EMSC Agenda

Jerry Stein asked if the BEMS has a module that should be used regarding the procedure on Combitude®. It was mentioned that the information can be viewed on the BEMS website.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – May 11, 2006

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian Smith, seconded by Jim Critchley 10:48am.

Minutes approved on May 11, 2006.